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In re application of:
Michael C. Stolowitz

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SYNCHRONIZING DATA FROM
ASYNCHRONOUS DISK DRIVE DATA
TRANSFERS**

Docket No. 44541/6:2

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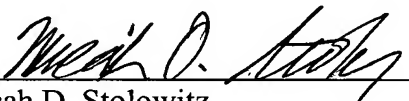
1. Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, applicant presents for the Examiner's consideration the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.
 - ☐ Copies of listed documents are enclosed. (37 CFR § 1.98(a)).
 - ☒ Copies of listed U.S. patent documents are omitted because this application was filed after June 30, 2003 and is, thus, subject to image file wrapper processing. Copies of listed foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed.
 - ☐ Copies of the documents listed on sheet(s) _____ of Form PTO-1449 (or equivalent) are omitted because (1) they are already of record in U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, on which this application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and (2) any information disclosure statement filed in the prosecution of Application No. _____, complies with 37 CFR §§ 1.98(a) through (c). (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d))
2. ☐ The Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed copy of copending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, for _____, which is cited in this application.
3. This information disclosure statement is being submitted (check box a., b., or c.):
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- b. ☐ After the period set forth in paragraph 3a, but before the mailing date of either a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. (Check box i. or ii.)
- i. ☐ A \$180.00 information disclosure statement submission fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed, or
- ii. ☐ A statement specified by 37 CFR 1.97(e) is set forth below; or
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	AP	Silicon Valley Computer advertisement dated January 21, 1994, by Norm Towson.
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	BR	Specification entitled "SATA PHY Interface Specification (SAPIS). Draft rev. 0.90, February 8, 2002. Copyright Intel Corporation.
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